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Every sixth minute in the working day a fine watch movement is produced at the above factory. Yet, at this enormous rate of manufacture, the Company can but barely supply the demand. They have already produced almost HALF A MILLION OF WATCHES, most of which are now in the pockets of the people, testifying to their superior merits as time-keepers. They are now almost exclusively used.

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H. BERRY in taking this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him, begs to intimate that owing to the rapid increase of his Wholesale Confectionery business, he has disposed of his Broad business to ARCHIBALD McKEAND, whom he has great pleasure in recommending, and who, he is confident, will do his utmost to give satisfaction to all who may patronize him.

A. GILCHRIST, Fancy Bread, Biscuit & Cake Baker, Guelph, Dec. 15.

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JOHN MITCHELL, NATHAN TOVELL, Jr. Guelph, December 12. GUELPH AGENCY. CANADIAN LINE—Portland to Liverpool every Saturday. GLASGOW LINE—Portland to Glasgow every week.

CABIN—Guelph to Liverpool, \$83.50 and \$93.50 STEERAGE, do do \$32.00. CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, \$73.50. INTERMEDIAL, do do \$40.00. STEERAGE, do do \$11.00. Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates to be issued for friends, at the lowest rates. For Tickets, late-rooms and every information apply to GEO. A. OXNARD, Agent, G. T. R. Guelph Guelph, A. H. 1, 1869.

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DOMINION HOTEL, GUELPH. JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST., a few doors above Higginson's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seedstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best of liquors and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodation for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates. Guelph, July 19th. dwly

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Notwithstanding the tremendous rush at Christmas, there is still at

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Writing Desks, Dressing Cases, Work Boxes, Ladies' Companions. At less than Toronto prices. Slippers, Ottomans, Woods, Toys, and Fancy Goods of all description.

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BALTIMORE OYSTER DEPOT! WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH. PLATT & CO'S BALTIMORE OYSTERS! IMPORTED DIRECT. GEORGE WILKINSON, Sole Agent.

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DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Have a number of FARMS for sale in the Co. of Wellington and adjoining Counties.

Also, Town Lots and Houses in Guelph, Berlin, Fergus, &c.

FARM FOR SALE IN ERAMOSA. For sale that farm, being Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosa, containing 200 acres, more or less, about 130 under cultivation, the balance covered with the best hardwood and cedar. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well watered, the speed running through part of the lot. There is a spring creek running through the lot. There is a two-story frame house 26 x 40 feet, a kitchen, boiler house and store-room, also of stone. There are three frame barns 30 x 50 each, long frame shed and driving house. There is a fine orchard on the place, with 100 trees, the most of them in good bearing order. There is a never-failing well, also soft water cistern. It lies on the leading road from Eramosa to Fergus, and is distant from this village 8 miles, and 9 miles from Guelph. It is convenient to churches, school and post office. Terms made known by applying to the undersigned on the premises, or by letter (post paid) to DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Land, Loan and General Agents, Guelph

Evening Mercury.

MONDAY EVE'G, JAN. 18TH, 1869.

Local and Miscellaneous

The Bank of Montreal has closed its office at St. Catharines, and handed over all its business to the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

KINCARDINE SALT WELLS.—The Kincardine Salt Prospecting Company commenced manufacturing at their well on Friday, with a block of 24 kettles. The result is most satisfactory. The brine is of great strength, and the salt equal in all respects to Geddis salt. They expect to turn about 25 barrels per day.

Cold, chilly weather is still the order of the day, but this afternoon there are indications that a snow fall is soon to visit us. The roads are very hard and bare, and sleighing is badly wanted, in order to induce farmers to bring in their produce. As a necessary consequence of such weather, trade in town is much flatter than it should be.

FIRE IN LONDON.—A fire occurred in London on Friday evening, by which White's Hotel, North street, was almost totally destroyed. Most of the effects were saved. The loss will be about one thousand dollars. It is fully covered by insurance.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—We have been requested to state that the Trustees of the Methodist (coloured), Episcopal Church of our Town, have made arrangements with Messrs. David, Dewar and Chadwick for the purchase of a lot, whereon to erect a suitable place of worship, and that they intend appealing to the public for assistance to enable them to carry out this intention.

CHURCH OPENING.—The new Primitive Methodist Church, 2nd con. Minto, will be opened for Divine Service on Sunday next, the 24th inst., at half-past 10 a.m., by the Rev. S. F. Dewey, who will also preach in the evening at 7 o'clock. On Monday, the 25th, a snow meeting will be held in the Church, for the purpose of liquidating the debt existing on the building, at which addresses will be delivered. Tickets 25 cents.

DEATH OF MRS. McDONNELL.—The Hon. Mrs. McDonnell died on Saturday morning a few minutes before 1 o'clock. She had suffered much during the past two months. The deceased lady stood very high in the estimation of all who had the privilege of her acquaintance, and her loss will be deeply felt in the circle in which she moved.

PRESENTATION.—The annual banquet of the employees of the Hamilton Times came off in that city on Wednesday last, when, after the disposal of the usual royal and patriotic toasts and songs, a magnificent writing desk was presented to Mr. John W. Harris by his fellow-workmen—the presentation being prefaced with a few complimentary remarks from the vice chairman.

Several ladies voted at the School Trustees elections in Toronto on Wednesday. One prompt and fearless female, who was one of the first at the polls, being asked who she desired to vote for, replied that it was immaterial to her, all she wanted being to record her vote, and thereby assert her rights.

It is reported in Ottawa that the Civil Service Commission has reported in favor of raising the salaries of deputy heads of departments to \$3,200 each. Most of the Commissioners being deputy heads themselves, they ought to know how much they would like to have.

FATAL AFFRAY.—Two men, named Armstrong and Shannon, were playing at cards in Anderson's tavern, Water-down, when a quarrel ensuing, the parties came to blows. Armstrong got Shannon down, and afterwards hammered his head several times against the floor. The fight then ceased, and Shannon retired to bed, apparently not much the worse of the contest; but in the morning, however, he was found dead in his bed. It is supposed the injuries inflicted on his head had produced congestion of the brain—which is believed to have been the cause of death.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES.—The anniversary services in connection with the Congregational Church in this town were held yesterday, when able and impressive sermons were delivered in the morning by Rev. Mr. Bromfield, who took for his text, "I have loved the habitation of the Lord," etc., from one of the Psalms; and in the evening by Rev. Mr. Cavan, the subject of his discourse being the 9th verse of the 119th psalm. A good collection was taken up, both in the morning and evening. The meeting will be held this (Monday) evening.

THE LICENSE BILL.—The Ministry were lately beaten on the License Bill on Friday night; at the close Mr. McKellar took the management of the Bill completely out of their hands, and the License fees were not fixed in a way to please the Liquor-Dealer's Association, whose humble servants the members of the Government seem to be. The Ministry are said to be entirely dissatisfied with the result, and to intend to move, when the concurrence in the report of the Committee is taken, to reduce the fees to much lower figures. It remains to be seen whether the members of the House will, at the bidding of the Government, reverse the vote they gave on Friday night, and lend their influence to the extension of the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

A METEOR.—A night or two since, the moon was partially obscured by a light, fleecy cloud, a meteor ball, very luminous, and a silvery hue, extremely brilliant, and so the eye somewhat larger in appearance than the moon itself. At first it appeared in the shape of a perfect globe, then gradually curled itself until it spread into an immense sheet of liquid fire, and formed letters reading nearly as follows:— "If your feet are troubled with corns, bunions, callouses, &c., go immediately to the nearest drug store and get a box of Brigg's Curative. It will effect a cure in an incredible short time. For sale by E. Harvey & Co., druggists, and country merchants generally." C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, Ont., agents for British Possessions.

A writer says of a singer, that "her intonation is always pure as gold, and her melody of the portamento, mesure di voce, diatonie and chromatic scales, trills, appoggiatura, gruppets and staccati, is such as to stamp her an artist of high rank and merit."

South Wellington Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held at the Wellington Hotel, on the 11th inst. Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, in the chair. Mr. Geo. Murton, the Secretary, read the following

ANNUAL REPORT. The Directors of the South Wellington and Guelph Township Agricultural Societies, in laying their annual report before the members, congratulate them on their very successful progress of their joint efforts during the past year. Yet they have still to regret that the remaining Township left in the South Riding preserves its isolated position. Evidently Eramosa having been amalgamated with the Centre Riding of Wellington.

The annual Easter Fat Cattle Show was held on the 1st April, and although the number of entries was not quite so numerous as last year, the quality of stock exhibited left nothing to be desired. On the same day the annual stallion show took place, when some ninety competitors entered for the various prizes, and the horses which took the first prizes in the respective classes were splendid animals.

The annual Exhibition was held on the 8th and 9th October, when the entries were considerably in excess of the previous year. The horse ring, as usual, attracted much attention, and in the class of working horses a close contest took place, and a larger number of spans than had been seen for some time, occupied the attention of the judges.

With respect to cattle, sheep and pigs, the County of Wellington maintained its well earned reputation. In this class it will be desirable in future that the prize lists should undergo some alteration, so as to prevent a difference of opinion as to large and small breeds.

While at this point of the report of the outside show, it may be as well to draw the attention of the members to the often expressed desire on the part of many who take a deep interest in the welfare of our Agricultural Society, that some method should be devised so that the large assemblage always congregated on the Fair grounds may become a source of pecuniary benefit to the Society, not only thereby enabling its managers to extend its usefulness, but establishing it as one of the public institutions of the County Town, similar to some of our neighbors. With such a reputation as Guelph possesses for its grain market, and the quality and quantity of stock from time to time brought in, it does appear that we are not availing ourselves of the opportunities and advantages our peculiar locality throws in our way, by not centralizing both the outside and inside show together, that one entrance fee shall cover the whole admission, instead of as it stands now, the most numerous attended portion of our Exhibition being gratis.

Grain and seeds were not so largely represented as hitherto. This might be owing to the quality not inducing exhibitors to bring forward their samples, which were, compared with other seasons, of a light stamp, owing to the extremely hot and dry summer, and in harvest time, the grain and straw being dried, or rather scorched up before maturing. But the crops generally were placed in the barn in the driest condition, and the corn was unexceptionable, and had the favourable weather which prevailed during seeding time continued, from the breadth shown, and the manner in which it was put in the ground, one of the finest harvests in the annals of the country would have been the result. However, fall has proved an exception, it more than realizing the highest expectations. Hay was the most abundant crop gathered in for some years.

The root crop was in many respects far behind, owing to the intense heat and drought; potatoes proving a total failure in some districts. Turnips made up to the average, and other roots were more or less affected by the same cause.

In the dairy department the display of butter was most surprising, considering the scarcity of pasture, and the quality was considered A, 1 by the judges. Cheese was not generally largely represented, and with respect to the factory made, only one of our makers exhibited.

In ladies' work and domestic manufactures there was a very fine assortment, but it would save much disappointment among the ladies, if exhibitors would be more careful in describing their work in accordance with the prize list in making their entries.

In the exhibition of agricultural implements there was a marked improvement. The annual ploughing match took place in a field of Mr. Thomas McCrae's. Competitors were numerous, but the work did not show to the advantage it otherwise would have done had the summer and fall not proved so exceedingly dry.

The Christmas fat cattle show was held on the 10th Dec., and if the number of entries was not so large as in the previous year, the quality fully made up for the deficiency, which was mainly in the poultry department.

Those who cultivated fall wheat this year were very fortunate, as contrary to the past, it turned out the best cereal crop we had. There were several varieties grown, all with the hope of avoiding the mildew, and general report rather proves this pest to be on the decline. The average yield was about twenty bushels per acre. The Treadwell variety appears to be the most prolific. Spring wheat, as last year, suffered extremely from the dry season, and the yield will not be more than fifteen bushels per acre. Peas and clover were also a light crop, the former yielding ten bushels per acre, and the latter fifteen bushels per acre. Barley did not suffer so much as the other spring grain, and although the berry is rather on the small side, the yield will be about thirty bushels per acre, and of an excellent color.

Aided by the liberality of C. & A. Sharpe, the Society offered prizes for the best four acres of turnips, which were awarded Messrs. Hugh McMillan, Henry Tolton and Thos. Waters.

Below will be found Treasurer's statement, and the usual tabular list of premiums offered and paid, &c., and the number of entries.

The Treasurer's accounts show a balance of \$147.00 from last year; amount of county subscriptions \$165.00; Township of Guelph Agricultural Society \$21.00; Government grant \$700.00; grant from County Council \$100.00; from C. & A. Sharpe, Turnip prizes \$20.00; Entrance fees at Fall door \$123.00—making a total

of \$1376.08—Expenditure—Township of Puslinch Society \$128.44; Guelph Horticultural Society 123.88; premiums at Shows, ploughing and turnip matches \$831.25; Canada Herd book \$4.00; incidental expenses \$219.30—leaving a balance in hand of Treasurer of \$169.21.

KENNETH MCKENZIE, President. Mr. Stirton in moving the adoption of the report referred to the average yield of fall wheat mentioned therein and said he felt sure from sufficient data that this cereal would not yield more on the average than 18 or 20 bushels per acre at the most, and he thought spring wheat would hardly come up to 15 bushels. It was accordingly agreed to alter the average yield of fall wheat to 20 bushels per acre, as it now stands in the report, but there being a difference of opinion in regard to the yield of spring wheat, a majority held that 15 bushels was a correct average, that figure was consequently retained. The report was then on motion of Mr. Stirton, seconded by Mr. Joseph Parkinson, adopted.

The following office bearers were then elected for the current year—President, Thos. McCrae; first vice-President, Jas. Cowan; second vice-President, Jas. Anderson; Secretary and Treasurer George Murton; Directors Wm. Benham, Jr., H. H. Swinford, J. B. Armstrong, C. Sharpe, Joseph Grant, Wm. Whitelaw, D. Stirton, George Budd and A. A. Baker. The Secretary then read the circular from the Board of Agriculture, in reference to the nomination of members of the Board and asked Mr. McCrae to state what they had done as delegates from the Society to secure co-operation with the other Societies in the Division in the choice of a member.

Mr. McCrae stated that in company with Mr. Murton he had gone to Galt at a meeting arranged to be held there. They found that the Hamilton and South Waterloo delegates were in favour of Mr. Stock as their first choice, and falling him Mr. Cowan. They were all determined that Mr. Stone should be thrown overboard, and after the revelations in regard to the way in which the finances of the Board had been managed, he and Mr. Murton saw that it would be folly to have named him, for he would have been hooted down. Three Societies were represented at that meeting, and when an attempt was made to carry Mr. Stock's nomination as the unanimous choice of the meeting he protested, when the motion was withdrawn, and an adjourned meeting was agreed to be held in Hamilton.

In the interval authority was obtained from the North and Centre Riding Societies of this County to be represented through them (Messrs McCrae and Murton) at the meeting in Hamilton, on the place on Thursday last. At that meeting it was agreed to allow them the votes as representing these Societies, and when Mr. Stock and Mr. Cowan were proposed, Mr. Cooley at once moved an adjournment, when the Hamilton gentlemen immediately walked out of the room, and did not wait for a vote to be taken on Mr. Stock. They had before ordered dinner for the company, but they did not wait to eat it.

Mr. Stirton said that while this Society was not bound by the action of their delegates, yet the only way to carry out their object was by concert of action, the necessity for which was long ago very apparent.

Mr. McCrae said the Society was of course not bound to abide by the decision, but how could concert or action be obtained but by adopting this plan.

Mr. Whitelaw held that the Society was morally bound to support the gentleman who had represented them. He therefore moved that Mr. Cowan be nominated. A change in the whole management of the Board of Agriculture was much wanted, and since the recent revelations, it was loudly called for. Mr. Cowan deserved the position, for he was almost the father of the present Agricultural Bill.

Mr. Stirton seconded the motion, and agreed with the mover that Mr. Cowan was justly entitled to the position. But Mr. Whitelaw was in error when he said Mr. Cowan was the father of the Agricultural Bill. He never added one sentence to it. Mr. McDougall and other members about San Juan on the Pacific coast, in Switzerland; and 3rd, a treaty for the adjustment of all claims, including the Alabama claims, by a Commission, to sit in Washington, with stipulations to refer, when necessary, individual claims to the heads of friendly nations.

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PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 17.—At a meeting of the Portland Board of Trade yesterday, strong resolutions were passed in favour of the non-reciprocity Treaty with Canada, and favouring an appropriation by Government for the Niagara Ship Canal.

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BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury. London, Jan. 16.—Charles Dickens publishes a card in the London papers this morning, denying the story of the recent death of his brother's widow in Chicago. Mr. Dickens says the lady is still alive and well, resides in England, and never was in Chicago. He is himself trustee to her estate under settlement.

A meeting of those favouring the ballot in parliamentary elections was held in this city last evening. Able speeches were made by Milner Gibson, Charles Buxton, Edmund Beales and others. The assemblage was large, and much enthusiasm was manifested.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Another session of the Conference was held to-day for the purpose of affording an opportunity for the members to sign the declaration of their opinions. The public newspapers of this evening say the declaration asks of Greece, in the interest of European peace, to suppress the bands and vessels intended for incursions into the neighboring States of the Ottoman empire, and counsels Turkey to withdraw her ultimatum. It concludes by expressing hopes of a speedy renewal of diplomatic relations between Turkey and Greece.

MADRID, Jan. 16.—The elections in this city and a great many of the provincial towns have been carried by the Government candidates.

PARIS, Jan. 17, Sunday.—The Turkish minister has agreed to the main points of settlement proposed by the conference, but awaits instructions from Constantinople before signing the resolves of that body. Mr. Rangabe, the representative of Greece, has informed M. Layette, the French minister of Foreign Affairs, that his instructions from the Government at Athens are delayed in consequence of interruption of the telegraph.

PARIS, evening, Jan. 17.—The conference on the Eastern question is on the point of closing its sessions. It recommends Greece to accept so much of the Turkish ultimatum as relates to Cretan affairs and to refer the care of the affair at Syria to the decision of the Courts and promises that Turkey will withdraw the last point of her ultimatum touching the observance of International Law. The conference maintains the policy of strict non-intervention.

The latest advices from Athens show that preparations for war are actively going on in all parts of Greece. The banks of Athens have loaned the Government \$200,000 for war purposes.

LONDON, evening, Jan. 17.—Despatches from the East report that a difficulty has arisen between Turkey and Persia. Disturbances broke out upon the eastern frontier of Asiatic Turkey between the Persians and the Turks, which have led to the withdrawal of the ambassador of the Porte from Teheran. Since this occurrence Persia has been massing troops on her northern frontier.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The President transmitted to the Senate on Friday three treaties, and a protocol was concluded between the United States and Great Britain, which were indicated in his annual message, viz: 1st, A protocol fully recognizing the natural laws of the U. S. abolishing the legal principle heretofore maintained in Great Britain of the indefensibility of native allegiance; 2nd, A treaty referring the boundary question about San Juan on the Pacific coast to Switzerland; and 3rd, a treaty for the adjustment of all claims, including the Alabama claims, by a Commission, to sit in Washington, with stipulations to refer, when necessary, individual claims to the heads of friendly nations.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.—It is announced in our cable despatch that the treaty for the settlement of the Alabama claims, based upon the protocol, the principal stipulations of which have been given to the public within the past month or two, has been